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# Working for a sustainable future Brian von Herzen, Ph.D. 2019

# **EDUCATION**

2019 - Present	PERMACULTURE EDUCATORS PROGRAM
	Our Permaculture Life with Morag Gamble - Online, QLD Australia
	Combined Teaching and Design Certificates - International Accreditation
2013 - 2020	MARINE BIOLOGY / OCEAN PHYSICS
	Woods Hole Oceanographic & Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL)
	Seven 10-week intensives in marine biology and ocean physics
1989	DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, ENGINEERING
	AND APPLIED SCIENCE DIVISION, COMPUTER
	SCIENCE, PLANETARY SCIENCES
	Caltech; Supervisor: Prof. Alan H. Barr
1984	MASTER OF COMPUTER AND PLANETARY SCIENCE
	Caltech
1980	BATCHELOR OF ARTS / PHYSICS
	Princeton University
	Thesis: The Response of Global Climate Models to Orbital Variations

# EXPERIENCE

2020 - Present	MARINE PERMACULTURE ALLIANCE
	Founder
2020 - Present	C-COMBINATOR COMPANY
	Chairman
2019 - Present	PRIME COALITION
	Board Member
2016 - Present	UCSF CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN BIO-ENGINEERING
	Advisory Board Member
2013 - Present	STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALTECH / MBL
	Guest Lecturer
2010 - Present	BRIGHT ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES, LLP
	Board Member
2007 - Present	CLIMATE FOUNDATION
	Executive Director
1994 - 2013	RAPID PROTOTYPES, INC.
	CEO
1992 - 1994	SYNAPTICS, INC
	Engineering Analyst
1989 - 1992	CALTECH SUB-MILLIMETER OBSERVATORY
	Principal Investigator
1977 - 1980	WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE
	Research Analyst, Geology and Geophysics

# STATEMENT

As Executive Director, Dr. von Herzen leads Climate Foundations' large-scale seaweed mariculture programs to produce food, feed and fertiliser, provide ecosystem life support, and sustain blue carbon sinks. With Marine Permaculture, we can regenerate life in seas and soils and restore a healthy climate while building a multi billion-dollar seaweed export market over the next decade.

# NOTABLE SYMPOSIA

- 2020 SALK INSTITUTE Plant Carbon DrawDown / Audacious Grant Symposium
- 2019 UNITED NATIONS
   Nature-Based Climate Solutions
- 2019 WORLD WILDLIFE FUND 2040 FILM Debut and Q and A, December
- 2019 DRAWDOWN Research Conference
- 2019 MOROCCO King Africa Security Forum December
- 2019 PERMACULTURE EDUCATION INSTITUTE MasterClass: Marine Permaculture
- 2019 SANTA BARBARA
   PERMACUTURE NETWORK
   Lecture and Workshop
- 2018 CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT
  San Francisco
- 2018 SEAGRICULTURE Keynote
  Presentation, Ireland
- 2018 VATICAN, ROME Restoring a Healthy Climate Summit
- 2018 PHYCOLOGY SOCIETY OF AMERICA Marine Permaculture
- 2018 ISS Jeju, Korea
- 2018 US DOE MARINER Program Update, La Jolla, CA

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# GRANTS

2019	SCHMIDT FUTURES / Protecting the Great Barrier Reef
2017	GRANTHAM FOUNDATION for the Protection of the Environment /
	Marine Permaculture contribution
2016 - 2018	DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE / Blue Economy
	Challenge - Marine Permaculture
2016 - 2018	UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Urban Labs Delhi Innovation Challenge
	Eliminating Rice Straw Burning in Haryana using biochar to restore soils
2015	ALASKA Water-Sewer Challenge Winner
2014	NAFTA Commission for Environmental Cooperation Grant, Biochar Phase 2
2013 - 2015	NAFTA Commission for Environmental Cooperation Grant, Biochar Phase 1
2012	BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION Phase 2, Biochar Sanitation
2011 - 2013	BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION Phase 1, Biochar Sanitation
2010 - 2012	US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Reversing Coral Bleaching in
	two Acropora species on coral reefs in American Samoa
2009	REVERSING CORAL BLEACHING on the reefs in American Samoa
1984	Awarded Hughes Doctoral Fellowship
1982	Ametek Leadership Institute
1981 - 1986	Hertz Foundation Fellowship

# AWARDS

- Hertz Fellowship
- Hughes Doctoral Fellowship
- Advanced Standing, Princeton

# PATENTS

- 30 Patents Issued
- 6 Patents Pending

# SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, VIDEO, PUBLIC OUTREACH

2019	FEATURE DOCUMENTARY / 2040: The Regeneration
	Directed by Damon Gameau
2019	INTREPID / Seaweed: The Regeneration
	Crowdfunding campaign, raised AU\$663,911
2017	DRAWDOWN / Paul Hawken, editor. 100 best ways to restore carbon balance
	on the planet, Marine Permaculture, April 18, 2017, pp. 178-180.
2016	HARVARD UNIVERSITY / Guest Lecture, Biodiversity for a Livable Climate,
	Ocean Permaculture
2016	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC / From Seaweed to Fish Feed /How Aquaculture
	Meets the Future
2015	STANFORD UNIVERSITY / Guest Lecture, Balancing Gigatons of Carbon in
	Soils and Seas
2014	US BIOCHAR INITIATIVE / Large-Scale Biochar Devices processing high-
	moisture feedstock
2014	Biochar Processing to Restore Soils & Provide Sanitation in Developing Nations
2014	HERTZ FELLOW / Brian von Herzen
2013	BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION / Reinvent the Toilet Fair, New
	Delhi, India, Biochar reactor for human waste processing
2012	REVERSING CORAL BLEACHING in two species of Acropora on reefs in
	American Samoa, International Coral Reef Symposium 2012, Cairns, Australia
2009	Restoring Overturning Circulation And Co2 Recycling Using Wave-Driven
	Ocean Pumps
2008	DISCOVERY CHANNEL documentary / Project Earth: Hungry Oceans
	Lead Scientist

# MEMBERSHIPS

- Marine Permaculture Alliance
- International Coral Reef Society (ICRS)
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots
  Association (AOPA)

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# EXPERIENCE - DETAIL

2020 - Present MARINE PERMACULTURE ALLIANCE / Founder

The Marine Permaculture Alliance is a global alliance to develop the Marine Permaculture industry throughout the world. The Alliance is dedicated to the healthy development of the industry to provide global food security, ecosystem regeneration and measurement of carbon export. This Alliance may provide key assistance in Australia's ambitions to develop a billion-dollar seaweed industry by the next decade.

2020 - Present C-COMBINATOR COMPANY / Chairman and Founder

C-Combinator is organized to raise the capital needed for regenerative solutions in seas and soils. These initiatives have been converting waste seaweed to valuable products and developing the technology to ensure productive seaweed mariculture the world over. Agricultural impacts are profound and contribute strongly to food security.

PRIME COALITION / Board Member

2019 - Present Prime Coalition is a public charity that partners with mission-aligned investors to support extraordinary companies that

combat climate change, have a high likelihood of achieving commercial success, and would otherwise have a difficult time

raising adequate financial support to scale.

2016 - Present UCSF CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN BIO-ENGINEERING / Advisory Board Member

The National Science Foundation has awarded US\$24 million over five years for a new 'blue-sky' bioengineering center based at UC San Francisco. Known as the Center for Cellular Construction, the new initiative aims to transform the field of cell biology into a quantitative discipline and to adapt tools from engineering, the physical sciences, and computer science

to design automated machines out of living cells.

2013 - Present STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALTECH / MBL / Guest Lecturer

Led Stanford Cleantech programs focused on home and utility-scale energy storage systems, solar thermal cooling systems, cleantech entrepreneurship, Marine Permaculture, and restoring depleted soils using Terra Preta microbial permaculture

growth.

2010 - Present BRIGHT ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES, LLP / Board Member

Bright Energy Storage is dedicated to providing grid-scale energy storage for the deep adoption of renewable energy technologies at costs substantially less than traditional battery storage. As co-founder, Dr. von Herzen helped to raise US\$10 million in angel funding for Bright Energy Storage and associated applications. Bright Energy Storage developed pump thermal energy storage and seafloor compressed-air energy storage technologies for use in time-shifting renewable power and electrical peak load leveling. The company reached final-stage selection for the ARPA-E

Grid-Scale Energy Storage, and won Iberdrola Perseo Award for the world's best energy storage technology.

2007 - Present CLIMATE FOUNDATION / Executive Director

At the Climate Foundation, Dr. von Herzen has been leading global programmes to regenerate life in seas and soils. Dr. von Herzen has created and patented new technologies to save ecosystems, ensure global food security and carbon balance. In pursuit of these goals, he has raised over \$10 million in grants and awards, created world wide alliances, and generated global social licence for seaweed mariculture. Dr. von Herzen has educated a generation of climate leaders to develop key initiatives that decarbonize our civilization, Draw down carbon from the atmosphere, and ensure ecosystem life support while balancing the carbon budget. Dr. von Herzen has also reversed coral bleaching on the reefs in American Samoa starting in 2009 using Marine Permaculture as an upwelling and seawater cooling strategy. Brian has presented SeaWater Air Conditioning (SWAC) technology and its relationship to coral reef preservation in 2011 in Guam, and 2012 in Samoa to the US Coral Reef Task Force and Guam Naval Facilities Command (NAVFAC), publishing SWAC with Marine Permaculture in Oman and the Middle East 2015-2018.

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### 1994 - 2013 RAPID PROTOTYPES, INC. / CEO

Rapid Prototypes provided turnkey electronic product system engineering, including commercial product specifications and fully functional engineering product prototypes frequently using programmable logic devices. Rapid Prototypes provided expertise in electronic engineering technologies to minimize time to market for new electronic products in networking, consumer electronics and other commercial products. They also developed the world's fastest commercial FPGA applications. Brian wrote the original X-Prize space tourism technical plan and business plan for the X-Prize winning spacecraft, leading to the \$25M investment by Paul Allen and the later \$250M investment by Richard Branson leading to the formation of the Virgin Galactic business in space tourism. Brian introduced Paul Allen to Burt Rutan and got the development funded and started.

### 1992 - 1994 SYNAPTICS, INC / Engineering Analyst

Dr. von Herzen's primary focus was research in video compression. Dr. von Herzen's achievements include: developed digital neural networks using field-programmable gate arrays (FPGA's), commercial applications of digital signal processing and image processing; analyzed hardware to support real-time video motion compensation algorithms and integrated systems.

## 1989 - 1992 CALTECH SUBMILLIMETER OBSERVATORY / Principal Investigator

Dr. von Herzen designed and developed the world's first VLSI integrated gigahertz cross-correlation spectrometer that could fit on a personal computer. This technology was later copied by NASA to deploy on their radio telescope interferometer and spectrometer arrays. Dr. von Herzen developed and was awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant for VLSI correlator development. He produced a 250 MHz micro-pipelined cross-correlator in a 1.2µm CMOS integrated circuit, designed and developed a 2 GHz digital spectrometer using correlators, designed and developed a 2 GHz gallium arsenide GaAs analog-to-digital converter.

### 1986 PIXAR / Research Analyst

1982

Dr. von Herzen developed scientific visualization solutions to enable real-time visualization of large datasets and enable transformative inferencing from such multidimensional analysis.

# 1985 SCHLUMBERGER PALO ALTO RESEARCH / Research Analyst

Dr. von Herzen researched computer AI technology to facilitate multi-dimensional analysis of physical systems with an emphasis on feature recognition and synthetic scientific visualization of physical systems.

## DOLBY LABORATORIES / Research Analyst

Brian developed state-of-the-art digital audio compression capability to increase fidelity with manageable bitrate recordings.

# 1977 - 1980 WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE / Research Analyst, Geology and Geophysics

Brian analyzed data from the Navy nuclear submarine NR-1 to determine the physical oceanography of the near seafloor environment in the straits of Florida, abyssal Pacific Ocean, Arctic Ocean and other sites. He analyzed giant piston cores and benthic foraminifera and provided scientific visualization of key results and findings. Some of this work resulted in peer-reviewed publications summarizing the sedimentary geophysics of the abyssal ocean.